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PAULA RODDY NAMED NEW DEPUTY UNDERSECRETARY

Deputy Secretary Dr. Mary Livers has named Paula Roddy to the position of Deputy Undersecretary.

Mrs. Roddy comes to OJJ from the City of Baton Rouge, where she served as Assistant Director of the Division of Human Development and Services. That city government division provided social services to low income citizens, including energy and mortgage assistance, and administered the Community Services Block Grant, Head Start and food commodities program.

Mrs. Roddy also has extensive experience in state government. She has served as undersecretary for the Department of Social Services, where she rose through the ranks within the Office of Family Services; Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Developmental Disabilities; Department of Education's Data Management division; the Division of Administration Budget Office and Department of Labor. Mrs. Roddy has also taught high school mathematics and worked at The Advocate newspaper in Baton Rouge.

As Deputy Undersecretary, Mrs. Roddy will oversee operations in human resources, accounting, budget, grants, procurement and information technology. She reports directly to Undersecretary James Bueche.

Mr. Bueche expressed confidence in Mrs. Roddy's ability to learn about the agency quickly and get off to a fast start. "Paula Roddy brings a great deal of experience in social services, as well as in budget and financial areas," Mr. Bueche said. "Her experience will benefit OJJ, especially during the lean times we are facing."

"If we all work together, we get a good confection," Mrs. Roddy said. "If everyone does their part, we have gumbo!" A good coach makes the necessary adjustments to win the game, she said. As the coach for her area, Mrs. Roddy believes some adjustments may be necessary so that everyone can succeed.

"Success is when preparation meets opportunity," she said.

Married to James Roddy, a retired EBR Sheriff's Deputy, Mrs. Roddy and her husband have a 19 year daughter, Jamie, who is the current Miss New Orleans/USA. A sophomore at ULL, Jamie has been in the pageant circuit since she was a small child. Mrs. Roddy also has two grown stepchildren.